

## **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT**

Please amend the specification by replacing the first full paragraph on page 6, lines 3-10, with the following:

For purposes of the present invention, by "large" polycation it is meant a polycation with a molecular weight of approximately 3,000 daltons or greater. Examples of large polycations useful in the present invention include, but are not limited to, polylysines with a molecular weight ranging between 5,200 and 11,200, polyornithine with a molecular weight of 5300, polybrene with a molecular weight ranging between approximately 4,000 and 6,000 daltons, and MERQUAT<sup>TM</sup> with a molecular weight of approximately 4,000,000 daltons. The polycation can be added during the immunoassay as a separate reagent. Alternatively, the polycation can be incorporated into an assay specific diluent. Therefore, the polycation is unconjugated.